

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image forming apparatus having a ventilating device that can effectively cool heated components and remove ozone produced in the apparatus. The image forming apparatus 5 includes a writing device. Upper and lower ducts are provided to the writing device having a housing of the writing device therebetween to form an outside-air flowing path on and beneath the writing device. Outside-air intaken by an air intake fan flows through the upper and lower ducts separately. 10 In the writing device, scanning optical components, such as an $f\theta$ lens, and a mirror formed of a plastic are disposed.

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